

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-93-88

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REQUIRED INFORMATION TO FOSTER PARENTS

REFERENCE: MPP SECTION 30-338.13, EAS SECTIONS 40-107.612 AND 40-181.211,
AND TITLE 22, DIVISION 6, CHAPTER 7.5, SECTIONS 87068.2 AND 87069.

This letter serves to remind County welfare departments of their obligation under State child welfare services, foster care, and licensing regulations to provide specified information to foster parents. The provision of this information to foster parents is required by the Child Welfare Services (CWS) Manual of Policy and Procedures (MPP) Section 30-338.13, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Eligibility and Assistance (EAS) Manual Sections 40-107.612 and 40-181.211, and Title 22, Division 6, Chapter 7.5, Section 87068.2 and Section 87069 of the Community Care Licensing (CCL) regulations.

Specifically, the CWS regulations require County welfare departments, prior to placement, to inform foster parent(s) or group home operator(s) of a child's background, including but not limited to the following histories: (1) medical, (2) placement, (3) family, (4) behavioral, and (5) known or suspected dangerous behavior of the child being placed. The AFDC regulations require that the County provide Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program information to the foster care provider during the application process and during periodic redetermination. MPP Section 30-376.16(e) requires that this information be documented in the child welfare services case record. The community care licensing regulations require that at the time of placement, the licensee shall request for each child a needs and services plan, which describes his/her service needs. This plan shall contain at a minimum a description of any physical limitations, a history of infections or contagious diseases, and a history of other medical, emotional, behavioral and physical problems of the child. Section 87069 requires that prior to or within 30 calendar days following the acceptance of a child, the licensee shall obtain a written medical assessment of the child.

Please ensure that County procedures to social workers and eligibility staff are clear with regard to these requirements. If they have any questions regarding the child welfare services or foster care requirements that relate to CHDP, please have them consult their Adult and Family Services Operations Consultant at (916) 445-0623 or ATSS 485-0623. If they have any questions regarding the community care licensing regulations, please have them contact Ms. Vicki Anthony, Central Operations Branch at (916) 324-4319 or ATSS 454-4319.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Loren D. Suter".

LOREN D. SUTER
Deputy Director
Adult and Family Services

cc: Assembly Member Norman Waters
County Welfare Directors Association